

#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An incubator is provided which is capable of quickly heating a dry analysis element to a predetermined temperature by efficient heat supply. An incubator for  
5 accommodating and holding at a predetermined constant temperature a dry analysis element spotted with a sample includes: upper and lower blocks, one of which is movable towards and away from the other, for sandwiching therebetween the dry analysis element from above; and a  
10 heater provided in one of the blocks. The block provided with the heater and the other block are brought into contact with each other to preheat the other block before introducing the dry analysis element therebetween. The introduced dry analysis element is then sandwiched between  
15 the blocks and quickly heated from above and below by both blocks.

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